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1. In late June 1952 the offices of the Ministry of Railroads were dispersed in semi-cave structures in the P'yongyang area at YD-351265, YD-354274, and YD-346273.¹
2. Employing approximately 150 people, the ministry was organized with the following departments:

Staff Personnel Bureau
Administration Department
Transportation Department
Locomotive Department
Passenger and Freight Car Department
Rear Service Department
Electric Department
Maintenance of Ways and Works Department
Planning Department
Labor Department
P'yongyang Railroad Control Department (YD-3820)²
Hamhung Railroad Control Department (CV-7528)
Anju Railroad Control Department (YD-2888)
Ch'ongjin Railroad Control Department (EB-6524)

3. In late June officials of the ministry included the following:
 - a. Minister: PAK Ŭi-wan (2613/5030/1346), aged 38, a Soviet-Korean.

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b. Vice minister in charge of the Maintenance of Ways and Works Department: KIM Hwang-il, aged 37, former chief of the P'yongyang Locomotive Yard of the P'yongyang Railroad Control Department and chief of the Locomotive Yard at the Hamhung Railroad Control Department. KIM has been responsible for maintenance of North Korean railroads since 1950.

c. Vice minister in charge of the Transportation and Locomotive Engineers Department: KIM Hae-il (6855/3189/0001), formerly employed in electrical engineering work.

4. The Rear Service Department was in two-storied, cement-walled, and cement-roofed buildings, while the other offices were covered with cement tiles and camouflaged with grass and earth. One sentry, armed with a rifle or a PPSH, guarded each of the offices of the minister and vice ministers; other offices were guarded by the office workers themselves.

5. In May 1952 the P'yongyang branch of the Ministry of Railroads was at the West P'yongyang engine yard (YD-359255). It employed 30 officers, 40 engineers, and 300 laborers and was equipped with 13 machines for repair work. Complete overhauling of one locomotive required 6 months. Officers at the yard included the following: CH'OE Ch'ang-sŏng (1508/2490/2052), aged 37, chief; YI Wŏn-ki (2621/0337/1015), aged 35, captain, assistant chief; HAN Po-kuk (7281/1405/0948), aged 30, captain, chief engineer; and PAK In-chun (2613/0088/0193), aged 35, senior lieutenant, party leader.

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1. [] Comment. [] in April 1952 the ministry had offices 2 kilometers northeast of the railway service college at Namhyŏngjesan-myŏn (125-39, 39-06) (YD-2931). 25X1

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2. [] Comment. [] The area bureaus of the Ministry of Railroad Transportation, reported on [] are presumably the same as the control departments of the Ministry of Railroads.

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